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REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(b)

Sir:


This paper is responsive to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed 21 April 2005 in the above-captioned application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of all claims.

Applicant has no indication that the Examiner has received or considered the references submitted in two Information Disclosure Statements, filed 25 February 2004 and 10 August 2004, respectively.

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Enclosed herewith as Exhibits A and B, respectively, are replacement copies of both Information Disclosure Statements, each including a return postcards date-stamped in the USPTO, *prima facie* evidence that they were received as enumerated. Both were filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the Merits (in this case, 22 September 2004) and therefore Applicant is entitled to have these IDS references considered. *See*, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Also enclosed is a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) by the individual who signed the certificate of mailing attesting to the date of mailing.

Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be afforded the benefit of their respective mailing dates, that they be entered into the record and considered by the Examiner in this Application, and that the Examiner provide Applicant an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 from each IDS in due course.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(b)

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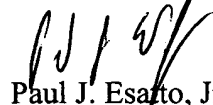
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